

REMARKS

The objection to Claim 10 has been addressed by using the designation "Previously Presented" to distinguish it from the original, unamended claims and the newly added claims.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 7-10 is noted and traversed. Inasmuch as these claims have not been indicated as allowable, the filing of a terminal disclaimer at this point is premature. In any event, the amendment to Claim 7 defines subject matter that cannot be argued to be obvious over Claims 5, 6 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,501,617.

The rejections of Claims 7-10 as being anticipated by Tatsumi et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Saito under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and as being anticipated by JP '268 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are traversed, and reconsideration of each rejection is respectfully requested.

The present application claims priority of Japanese application filed on October 4, 2002, which certified priority document has been filed herein. The Saito application filed in the United States on December 24, 2003 is not prior art against the present application. In this connection, applicant attaches a verified translation of that priority document.

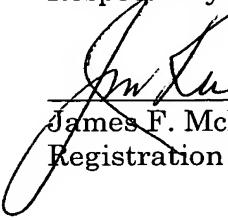
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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.52811US).

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